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WORKING GROUP 10.03

REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT ASAP TO TERENTIEV OF GOSSTROY FOL-  
LOWING LETTER FROM LAWRENCE SIMONS, U.S.CO-CHAIRMAN OF  
WORKING GROUP 10.03. POUCHED REGISTRY NUMBER 1909539.

"MR. IVAN IVANOVICH ISHCENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE COM-  
MITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS, 4 MARX AVENUE, MOSCOW,  
U.S.S.R.

DEAR MR. ISHCENKO, I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER CONCERNING  
THE NEXT MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP 10.03 IN THE SOVIET  
UNION. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE MEETING BE SCHEDULED FROM  
JULY 31 - AUGUST 13. OUR DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE IN MOSCOW  
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ON THE EVENING OF JULY 30.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL PROCEDURE WHICH WAS FOLLOWED AT  
OUR LAST MEETING IN WASHINGTON PROVIDES A GOOD FORMAT  
AROUND WHICH TO DEVELOP MEANINGFUL PLANS. THIS INVOLVES  
ONE DAY OF MEETINGS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN  
LEADERS OF SEPARATE PROJECTS AND REPORTS FROM THEM ON THEIR

PROGRESS AND PLANS, FOLLOWED BY ONE DAY DURING WHICH OUR RESPECTIVE SECRETARIATS CAN PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION, AND A FINAL MEETING TO VERIFY THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIATS AND AFFIRM OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

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AS FOR THE STUDY TOURS DURING AND FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS, WE ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PLANNING FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF MOSCOW, TBILISI, YEREVAN, AND LENINGRAD. SINCE TBILISI AND YEREVAN ARE AREAS WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SIDE OF OUR WORKING GROUP HAVE NOT YET VISITED, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS OR INDUSTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST IN THOSE AREAS, AND WE WILL LEAVE THE SELECTIONS ENTIRELY TO YOU. WE DO THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IF, DURING OUR VISIT TO MOSCOW, WE WOULD VISIT NIIZHB AND VNIIZHELEZOBETON, AND, WHILE IN LENINGRAD, THE MARINE FIRE RESEARCH FACILITY, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER INSTITUTIONS OR ENTERPRISES WHICH YOU BELIEVE WOULD BE OF INTEREST.

I ALSO HAVE THE LETTER WHICH YOU LEFT WITH MR. FOREST DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, IN WHICH YOU ASK THAT I ARRANGE A SPECIAL TOUR FOR A GROUP OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES FOR 10 TO 13 DAYS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1978 TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRODUCTION OF LIGHT ROOFING MATERIALS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEET AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, OUR WORKING GROUP MEETING AND TWO GROUPS OF SPECIALISTS WILL MEET DURING THE THIRD QUARTER. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF OUR NEED TO PLAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP MEETING AND THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR US TO ARRANGE THIS SPECIAL TOUR OF YOUR SPECIALISTS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE SCHEDULE THE VISIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 16 THROUGH MAY 28. THE PARTY WOULD ENTER THE UNITED STATES AT WASHINGTON, D.C. AND LEAVE FROM NEW YORK. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDING TO THAT SCHEDULE, WE COULD ALSO SCHEDULE THE VISIT FROM JULY 4 THROUGH JULY 16, WITH ARRIVAL AT WASHINGTON, D.C. AND DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK. PLEASE REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SCHEDULE WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR US, BOTH BECAUSE OF OUR NEED TO BE WORKING AT THAT TIME ON PLANS FOR THE WORKING GROUP AND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND BECAUSE OF OUR JULY 4TH NATIONAL HOLIDAY. UNFORTUNATELY, OTHER COMMITMENTS MAKE ANY OTHER DATES IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER MID-OCTOBER.

AS SOON AS YOU CAN CONFIRM THE DATES AND THE COMPOSITION  
OF YOUR PARTY, I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE ITINERARY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS VISIT WILL BE ON

A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS, AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR  
YOU TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION IN THE  
UNITED STATES BEFORE LEAVING THE SOVIET UNION.

SINCERELY, LAWRENCE B. SIMONS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
HOUSING." VANCE

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